The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Because it involves an amount of trouble which is not proportionate to the benefit that the public will derive from it."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know what the nature of the trouble is that will be involved? I suppose the jails have some records from which the information can be culled out and sent ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Other records have also to be looked into, such as judgments, etc."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" Does this not amount only to a collection of statistics from the hospitals, Sir ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Not necessarily so ; a host of clerks will have to be employed for the purpose."

Mr. T. S. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" Clause (c) of the question would seem to be of interest even from the Government point of view ; will they call for information at least in that respect ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I shall call for information on that point."

Alleged ill-health of a political prisoner, Mr. K. Subrahmanyam.

*195-B Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether Mr. K. Subrahmanyam, Congress Secretary, Cuddapah, was convicted and sentenced to one year's simple imprisonment for an alleged political offence and sent to Vellore Jail ;

(b) whether prior to his arrest and conviction he had been under medical treatment for tubercular Phthisis ;

(c) whether his condition became worse after his imprisonment and if so, how ; and

(d) whether his classification as 'C' class prisoner has been subsequently changed for a higher class?

A.—(a) K. Subrahmanyam was ordered under section 118, Criminal Procedure Code, read with section 108, Criminal Procedure Code, on 5th September 1930 in M.C. No. 7/30 on the file of the District Magistrate, Cuddapah, to execute a bond for Rs. 500 with two sureties each for Rs. 500 or 12 months' simple imprisonment in default. He was committed to the Central Jail, Vellore.

(b) & (c) The Government have no information.

(d) No.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" Did not the Government get any representations about the health of this gentleman ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" No, Sir ; not so far as I am aware."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" What is the present state of his health ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I want notice."

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Diwan Bahadur M. Gopalaswami Mudaliyar :—" May I know whether any report has been called for as to whether his condition is such that he deserves to be released or not ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—" I shall do so, Sir."

Diwan Bahadur M. Gopalaswami Mudaliyar :—" May I know how, although very detailed information is given so far as clause (a) is concerned, no information is available so far as the other clauses of this question are concerned ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—" Because it is not available."

Deaths among political prisoners.

* 196-A Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state the number of deaths among the political prisoners in different jails in this Presidency with details as to the nature and the duration of the disease and malady, if any, they respectively suffered from and the treatment given to them for their cure ?

A.—The Government have no information.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" Were any reports received at all about the death of any prisoner ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—" I cannot say whether any report was received of any person's death. I have no report on the death of this particular prisoner."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" I am afraid the hon. Member is referring to the previous question. I hope the prisoner is still in full life to receive some consideration at his hands. We are now on question No. 196-A. I want to know whether any prisoners died in the jails, among politicals "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—" I have no information ; but if my hon. Friend is particular, I shall call for it."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" It is a very serious matter, Sir, and I hope the hon. the Law Member will oblige this House by calling for the information."

Death of Mr. S. Satyanarayana Moorthy Gupta in jail.

* 196-B Q.—Mr. K. Koti Reddi : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that one Mr. Siva Satyanarayana Moorthy Gupta of Intur village of Tenali taluk, a satyagrahi prisoner, died of dysentery in the Central Jail, Trichinopoly, on or about the 9th January 1931 ;

(b) how long he was suffering from dysentery ;

(c) when his illness showed signs of being serious and whether his parents or relatives were informed of it ;